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AAA DRAWS 50,000 TO PLAZA MEXICO

Konnan loses, must retire, thanks to Jake

Note: This card airs as a special on Televisa and on satellite at 8:00 pm CDT on Friday, May 21st, 1993. It is not known FOR CERTAIN at this time when, or if, the card will air on Galavision, though it may ALSO air on the 21st there too.

Note: Thanks to The Wrestling Observer Newsletter for permission to use that publication's research for the basis of the bulk of this week's lead story.

This past Friday night -- April 30th, 1993 -- Mexico's AAA promotion celebrated the one-year anniversary of its debut with a spectacular card which it called "TripleMania" at the Mexico City bull ring called "La Plaza De Toros 'Mexico'" and drew an all-time Mexico record of nearly (maybe over) 50,000 fans (over 45,000 paid). This arena seats only 40,000 for bullfighting. This makes it officially one of the fifteen largest crowds THAT I CAN VERIFY in the history of wrestling and one of the top six in this hemisphere. I have heard reports that there might have even been more there -- up to 70,000 -- but those reports have not yet been verified. The AAA, owned by Televisa, had run a saturation television campaign of ads on Televisa stations (are you listening, WCW?) to build up the house for the show at Plaza Mexico, which is just half mile east of la Pista Arena Revolucion in the nice-but-not-that-nice "Ciudad de los Deportes" colonia of Mexico City. I have the results of the card here but very little details:

1) Inicial (1 Fall, No Time Limit): Las Rockeras (Martha "La Aplandora" Villalobos, La Pantera Surena, and Wendy La Guerrerilla) defeated Lola "Dinamita" Gonzalez, La Rosa De Las Estrellas {substituting at the last minute for the injured Reyna Gallegos}, and Vicky Carranza.

2) Segunda (1 Fall, No Time Limit): Winners, Super Calo, and the debuting El Salsero defeated Los Exoticos Del AAA (Rudy "Perfumado" Reyna, The Baby Sharon, and May Flowers). By the way, how much in royalties does Claudio Yardo receive every time Super Calo works?

3) Tercera (1 Fall, No Time Limit): El Tercia Del Aire (El Volador, El Misterioso, and El Rey Misterio junior) defeated Los Nuevos Destruyores Del Ring (Tony Arce, Rocco Valente, and El Vulcano). This was said by some to have been the best match on the show and by all as in the top three.

4) Cuarta: El Hijo Del Santo, Octagon, and El Villano III defeated Heavy Metal, Fuerza Guerrera, and Rambo. Since Heavy Metal made this date, he may not have to be jailed after all (see "news" below).

5) Quinta: Mexican National Light-Heavyweight Championship (1 Fall, No Time Limit): In the first Mexican National Championship match EVER to be held in a one-fall format, challenger la Parca apparently did NOT upset champion Lizmark senior to win this prestigious belt. La Parca had apparently won the match with his rudo tactics in about 20:00 but a commissioner came out after Lizmark complained and then overturned the referee's decision, saying that he would restart the match, and who ever won in the new 15:00 time limit would be the new champion. Well, it was a 15:00 draw so Lizmark apparently retained the belt. Total time of the match was about 35:00. This was said to have been the one of the three best matches on the show (in the ****1/2* range) and la Parca was said to have been totally over as a babyface.

Apparently the finish was to have la Parca win, getting a three count from heel referee el Tirantes while Lizmark inched his shoulder up before the count of three. That happened, but nobody told the commission, so the commission ordered the match re-started. Apparently, in the heat of the situation, this was the best scenario they could think of: they said that if Lizmark did not win the title in 15:00, la Parca would have his victory validated. So they went 15 and no decision came, but suddenly the commission put the strap around Lizmark. This left everyone more confused than hot or upset, but hey, the AAA will get another big gate (if they want) with the rematch.

6) Sexta: Relevos AAA (mixed regular-sized-and-minis match) (Best 2 out of 3 Falls, No Time Limit): The Love Machine, La Mascara Sagrada, and La Mascarita Sagrada defeated The Blue Panther, Jerry "El Puma" Estrada, and Jerrito Estrada. This was the first time the mixed (big guys/little guys) match had been brought to Mexico City. I do know the finish of this match; Panther gave Machine *un martinete* (tombstone piledriver), a hold banned in Mexico. Machine was stretchered.

7) Semifinal: Mascara Contra Caballera (Best 2 out of 3 Falls, No Time Limit): Pedro "El Perro" Aguayo won mask number 23 in his long career, as he defeated Mascara Ano Dos Mil two falls to one. Mascara Ano Dos Mil was revealed to be Jesus Reyes Gonzalez, brother of Cien Caras. This was said to have been a total bloodbath and quite awesome in its bloody way. Some called it the best match on the show, in the **** 1/2.

8) Estellar: Carrera Contra Carrera (Best 2 out of 3 Falls, No Time Limit): Cien Caras (Carmelo Reyes Gonzalez) defeated Konnan el Barbaro (Carlos Santiago Espada Moises) in three falls; but Caras did not win the match on his own!

Jake "The Snake" Roberts, almost detained at the airport in a last-minute promotional gambit by EMLL promoter Paco Alonso, came out of the crowd to distract Konnan (behind the referee's back, naturally), and Cien Caras got the third fall victory via count out of the ring. Here is what happened. La Mascarita Sagrada was Konnan's second. Konnan and Jake (who did not have a valid work permit -- thanks to the EMLL - so therefore he could not get into the ring) kept jawing throughout the contest. Jake, sitting in the fifth row, climbed over the rail, past the President of Mexico (well, I don't know if he climbed right past him but President Salinas de Gortari was sitting in the front row legit) and came to challenge Konnan during the third fall at ringside. CIEN CARAS took exception to Jake's interfering in this big match and CARAS and Jake exchanged punches while Konnan looked on in puzzlement. Caras got irate at Jake's running down Mexicans and Mexico and jawed at Jake to get out of there, so Jake DDTed Caras. Then Konnan started shoving Jake around. Jake, by now irate and certainly feeling "underappreciated," grabbed tiny la Mascarita Sagrada and DDTed Sagrada. Sagrada was stretchered. Konnan was now busy destroying Cien Caras (who was still selling his being DDTed) and Caras finally rolled out of the ring on the other side. Konnan noticed what happened to Sagrada and jumped out of the ring to chase and then pummel Jake. Meanwhile Cien's second, who I believe was Mascara Ano Dos Mil, managed to roll Caras back into the ring before the twenty count while Konnan was still battling Jake. Konnan was counted out; Caras won; and there was a near riot. The card started at 8:30 and did not end until 12:30 the next morning and things were so hot that a ton of people stood around Jake's dressing room door, refusing to let him leave, ready to pounce on him if he left, until after 3:00 the next morning. This was said to have gotten so much heat it was almost too much.

By the way, if you ever want to make big money in trivia, the person originally asked by the AAA to play the role that Jake Roberts ended up playing was... Terry Funk; but Funk turned them down. Jake was second choice; no one else was considered.

The only trouble I see with this is that the promotion has now given the fans a screw job in their biggest main event ever and that they will ruin the career match as a gimmick when they bring Konnan back so soon.

Lastly, the gate for this show was said to have been over \$400,000.00, which is amazing in a country where the average daily wage is only 1/8th of the US daily wage. So the translation is like a 3-4 million US dollars gate....

Estadio Azteca, here we come.

AAA

Results

No new results this week beyond what was listed in the main news story and the television section. Sorry.

Cards

Keep this under your hat: July 18th, 1993 might be the date of an AAA USA television taping -- and it might be at The Santa Ana Bowl. Also, more likely as well, is a June weekend swing to Tijuana and Los Angeles for these fine boys.

News

Sad news for Heavy Metal fans, like me. Erick Francisco Casas Ruiz has been busted for possession of cocaine. It was all the AAA could do to hold off the press and the authorities until after Metal's scheduled match at Plaza Mexico. I hope that I can get more on this story next week.

Television

Last week's television was taped Friday, April 23rd, 1993, at "el Gimnasio y Alberca Olimpico 'Juan de la Barrera'" in la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal, Mexico. It aired in the States on Galavision on Sunday, May 2nd, 1993, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm PST (except in San Francisco). The final three matches generally air on satellite M1, channel 14 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm PDT Saturday nights and the first two air on that same channel on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am PDT.

They opened the show with Arturo Rivera showing gifts he had been sent. It was a green t-shirt with "something inside." Art opened the t-shirt and inside was revealed a black glove (shades of el Gran Davis) and the t-shirt said "Jake The Snake!"

Here was this week's cartometro del ring: Top *tecnico* was Konnan el Barbaro; top *rudo* was Cien Caras; top *pareja* was Konnan el Barbaro and Perro Aguayo; top trio was los Desastres Naturales (Hectatombe, Terremoto, and Maremoto); *lo revelante* was the heel turn of Fantasma turn; and finally, *el lance* was la Mascara Sagrada's finishing *magistral*.

They also had an televised inserts for "TripleMania," asking many wrestlers who would win between Konnan and Cien Cars. These inserts mentioned ONLY the match between Konnan and Cien Caras. Today's card was a "nothing" card so as not to take away from the card at the bull ring.

1. Inicial: Micro Nikolai, Micro Goliath, and Micro Fuerza Guerrera defeated Micro Misterioso, Micro Volador, and Micro Konnan el Barbaro two falls to one. I remain convinced that Konnan is the best micro, with Fuerza close and Misterioso improving. How did el Volador get such to have such a fat micro and such a fat mini as his namesakes? ** 1/4. This aired on Galavision but not in Mexico -- go figure. Lots of comedy and these guys try as hard as they can.

2. Segunda: Lola "CHarro" Gonzales, la Rosa {de las Estrellas}, and Reyna Gallegos defeated "las Sexis Salvajes" (la Monsther, la Briosa, and Neftaly) two falls to one. This aired in Mexico but not on Galavision. Go figure.

3. Tercera: Super Muneco, Lamparin, and Hassam el Genio defeated el Cobarde segundo, el Hijo del Angel Blanco primero, and el Hijo del Angel Blanco segundo two falls to one. I was not so impressed by Lamparin and Hassam as I thought I would be. Did you know that they were going to call the two new guys Aladino and el Genio but the Mexico office of Walt Disney Productions refused to let go of the copyright? Cobarde did not seem overly motivated but willingly did the job for Muneco. **. By the way, el Trio Fantasia's ring entrance gets the award for the weirdest ring entrance music of all time: "I Dream of Jeannie," but in Spanish AND as a rap song. All comedy but pretty good.

4. Semifinal: El Fantasma, The Ice Killer, and la Parca defeated Lizmark senior, The Latin Lover, and la Mascara Sagrada two falls to zero. This was real good. Boy is Latin Lover going to draw serious money in about 3-4 years or what. Ice Killer is not at the level of these other five, even if he is the vice-president of the union; the gimmick is better than the wrestler. La Parca is unreal. *** 1/4.

5. Estellar: En Super Libre y Sin Referi: Cien Caras and Mascara Ano Dos Mil defeated Konnan el Barbaro and Pedro "el Perro" Aguayo two falls to zero. Not a great match by traditional standards but at this point in the story line I will say that it was perfectly executed. ***.

This week's television consisted NOT of highlights of the matches from Plaza Mexico but of matches taped on Sunday, April 25th, 1993, at la Plaza de Toros de Villahermosa in Villahermosa, Tabasco. This confused a TON of people, for reasons I shall get into below. Many people, seeing the show on satellite -- which can be less than clear -- instead on of clear cable, thought that this was the Plaza Mexico show, but it wasn't. It was from a bull ring, but it was clearly identified as Villahermosa in the opening and on the mat.

The main three matches aired on satellite on Saturday night. Thanks to the incredible diligence of Augie Loya, with an assist from Roy "Wrestling Insiders" Lucier, we have the straight scoop. The first of the three top matches saw los Tortuguillos Karatekas I, II, and III defeated el Trio del Terror (Karis la Momia, el Aullido, and el Hijo del Espectro) two falls to one. The semifinal saw The Love Machine unmask The Blue Panther for an automatic disqualification; so Machine, Octagon, and el Hijo del Santo lost in three falls to Panther, Fuerza Guerrera, and el Espanto junior in a *** match. Now on to the confusion.

It was the main event which confused watchers everywhere. There were signs of "Adios, Konnan" throughout the crowd. It was a singles' match between Konnan and Cien Caras. Both men had seconds. It was in a bullring. But it was NOT the career match. It WAS from Villahermosa instead. The finish, which initially had everybody who watched wondering how could they do a screw job in front of 50,000 fans, saw a regular run of the mill double count out of the ring. The inner workings of the match, with constant interference between seconds Love Machine and Blue Panther, showed the match and card for what it was: a way to get another big gate with Machine versus Panther on top. Actually, watching the match, one got the impression that they were building to as very unusual match: Konnan el Barbaro, el Hijo del Santo, The Love Machine, and Octagon versus Fuerza Guerrera, The Blue Panther, el Espanto junior, and Cien Caras where the loser of the third fall loses his mask or his hair. That was openly hinted at and this promotion is too well run to drop specific hints on which they do not intend to follow through. Since I do not expect Konnan's retirement to be permanent (eight weeks maybe), maybe we will see this match one day. Then, my guess is that it will be *adios* to Espanto's hair.

The two matches that aired Sunday morning on satellite were repeats. One was Mascarita Sagrada's recent title win over Espectrito and the other was the Perro/Konnan vs. Mascara/Cien match that was our Galavision main event this week.

EMLL

Results

Tuesday, April 13th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Los CHacales del Ring (Bestia Salvaje, Sangre CHicana, and Emilio CHARles junior) reappeared in tonight's main event, and victoriously so. They defeated Pierroth junior, Lasser Tron, and Ultimo Dragon in three glorious (if you're a fan of the rudos) falls. CHARles pinned Dragon with the aid of feet on the ropes. No wait, senior EMLL referee Robert Rangel is running up to Ultimo Dragon and raising Dragon's hand! Rangel has seen CHARles's evil ways and is disqualifying CHARles! So CHARles and Dragon began a mini-feud that would culminate in a title match two weeks later. No such luck for the tecnicos in the semifinal, as Kung Fu, Mogur, and Ponzona defeated Kato Kung Lee senior, el Pantera II, and Aguila Solitaria two falls to one.

Sunday, April 18th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Ponzona and Lasser Tron set up their singles match the next week here (see below) in this card's main event. Ponzona joined with Sangre CHicana and Fabuloso Blondy to defeat Lasser Tron, Cachorro Mendoza, and Blue Demon junior in three falls. Ponzona won all three for his team by pinning Lasser Tron with *una desnuncadora* (power bomb) and then splaying his own (that is, Ponzona's) feet across the middle ropes for leverage. I guess Rangel did not see this one. We had two VERY strange trio pairings in the semifinal as Mogur, Troglodita, and Astro Rey junior defeated Antar, Bronce, and Solar II two falls to one. Rey pinned Antar, Troglodita pinned Bronce, and Mogur nailed Solar II with *un senton* to wrap up fall three.

Sunday, April 25th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Lasser Tron defeated Ponzona two falls to one via clean pinfall in round three. This was *un mano a mano* with no other stipulations.

Tuesday, April 27th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: The main event from the show tonight aired on the Saturday (5/1) Televisa television show in Mexico City. Saigon Dragon, el Ultimo Dragon (Yoshihiro Asai) defeated Emilio CHARles junior (Sergio Emilio CHARles Galundio) two falls to one to retain his UWA World Middleweight Championship. This was said to be in the ***** range with CHARles doing an unusual amount of Japanese-style suplexes for a lucha libre match. One report I got said this was 1/4 * better than the Dragon-Casas match and one said it was 1/4 * less, so either way it must have been a hell of a match.

Cards

Wednesday, April 28th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Coliseo en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Here, for the final time, was the scheduled card for the special show to supposedly "benefit the veterans' section of the union; and specifically Raul Romero;" among those veterans invited were Wolf Rubinsky, Enrique Llanes, The Blue Demon, el Huracan Ramirez, Rodolfo "el Cavernario" Galindo, Adolfo "el Padron" Bonales, Rey Mendoza, Raul Romero, The Black Shadow, Joe Silva, Pedro Bolanos, and Eddy Palau: The initial was *un mano a mano* between el Olimpico and el Reyes Veloz. In the segunda, El Felinito and el Nuevo Piratita Morgan faced Orito and Saigoncito Dragon, el Ultimo Dragoncito. Next up was the *tercera*, where, in a non-title match, The possibly still State of Mexico Trios Champions los Guerreros del Futuro (el Guerrero Maya, el Guerrero del Futuro, and Damian, el Guerrero) non-title anyway versus el Trio Metalico (Plata, Bronce, and Platino). The semifinal saw rudos Mogur, Javier "el Monarca" Cruz, and el Gran Markus junior take on tecnicos Ringo Mendoza, el Cachorro Mendoza, and The Blue Demon junior. Finally we get to the main event, where the until-recently major tecnico names all returned to Mexico City for the first time in nearly a month. Pierroth junior (shoulder), el Rayo de Jalisco junior (suspension), and Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense (disgrace) faced super rudos el Fabuloso Blondy, The Black Magic, and Jose "el Negro" Casas.

2) En la Arena Lopez Mateos desde Tlalnepantla, Mexico: A real bizarre main event here: Kung Fu faced Kato Kung Lee senior on top. The first fall would be judo; the second fall will be karate; and the third fall (if necessary) will be lucha libre. Like I said last week, I'd have like to have seen these two have that match about ten years ago, though. One undercard match was announced: the semifinal pitted los Cowboys (Silver King and el Texano) versus las Panteras Rosas (los Villanos IV and V) in *una revancha de superlibre*. I'd bet this is about as good as the Villanos can get here.

3) En Zacapoaxta, Mexico: What was scheduled as the main event had el Rayo de Jalisco junior and Atlantis versus el Espectro junior and el Cadaver de Ultratumba. But Rayo was booked at la Arena Coliseo at the same time so he may have missed this one. Platino and Solar II took on Sancara and Aguila India in the semifinal.. A rare midgets' *parejas increibles* was the *tercera* as la Mascarita Magica and Pequeno Pierroth faced Pequeno Jaque Mate and Ultratumbita. The two openers had la Migala and la Yaqui versus la Olinca and la CHola in a ladies' match; and el Buki versus Sangre y Fuego in *un mano a mano*.

Thursday, April 29th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Isabel en Cuernavaca, Morelos: The new EMLL chief of public relations, Masakre, came "out of retirement" for tonight's card. It was described that this might be an occasional thing that Masakre wrestles. Tonight, he teamed with old los Intocables partner Jaque Mate and with Negro Casas against a marvelous tecnico trio team of Oro, el Dandy, and Atlantis. Triton, el Pantera II (but they're the same guy!), and Shogun will take on los Guerreros del Futuro (el Guerrero Maya, el Guerrero del Futuro, and Damian, el Guerrero) in the semifinal. I guess with el Pantera II back they must have liked the "Triton" gimmick so much they gave it to someone else; thus, someone else will wear that hood. El Trueno has *un mano a mano segunda* versus el Escudero Rojo in a real rookies' battle. The opener pitted part-time wrestler and part-time referee el Comodin against el Gran Apache I.

2) En Iguala, Guerrero: A main event *mano a mano* between old foes el Dandy and el Satanico topped tonight's card at this tiny town halfway between Acapulco and Mexico City. Ciclón Ramirez, el Pantera II, and Super Astro teamed in the semifinal against el Comando, el Lobo Rubio, and Javier "el Monarca" Cruz.

Friday, April 30th, 1993:

1) Desde Jilotepec, Mexico: I know of only the main event for tonight's show: Pierroth junior and Juan "Mister PREDESA" Sevilla faced el Gran Markus junior and el Medico Asesino junior, who has rarely been heard from in the last year the in Mexico City area.

Saturday, May 2nd, 1993:

1) Desde Actopan, Hidalgo: Los Tres Cowboys (the uncle el Texano, his nephew el Dandy, and also nephew of el Texano and therefore cousin of el Dandy Silver King) took on los Infernales (el Satanico, el Pirata Morgan, and M. S. 1) in tonight's super main event. Solar II, Gran Apache I, and Bronce 0 (ha ha) teamed as tecnicos in the semifinal against Babe Richard, Brazo de Platino [real or work, he's out of this match more due to injury], and Brazo de Bronce. UWA World Women's Heavyweight Champion Zuleyma, who's just back from a long injury-related absence, teamed with Lady Apache against Maria Del Angel and La Diabolica {Del Caribe} in the *tercera*. That's all I know as of now on this card.

2) Desde San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi: A "legendary main event" here tonight as Mil Mascaras and el Rayo de Jalisco junior took on Canek and el Gran Markus junior. Los Villanos IV and V worked the semifinal against el Signo and Miguel "el Negro" Navarro. El Villano V worked against el Hombre Bala, working for a day at least not as a caveman gimmick but with his old pirate gimmick.

3) Desde Queretaro, Queretaro: A "legendary main event" here tonight as Mil Mascaras and el Rayo de Jalisco junior took on Canek and el Gran Markus junior. Los Villanos IV and V worked the seminal against el Signo and Miguel "el Negro" Navarro. El Villano V worked against el Hombre Bala, working for a day at least not as a caveman gimmick but as a pirate gimmick. WAIT YOU SAY, that's a repeat of the show above; and so it is. The crew started the San Luis Potosi show at 6:00 pm and the Queretaro show (not that far away by plane) at 8:00 pm.

Sunday, May 2nd, 1993:

1) Desde la Pista Arena Revolucion en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Not a bad show tonight for the EMLL's "less important show of the day". El Brazo de Plata had *un mano a mano* main event against Emilio Charles junior. Super Porky Plata is a lot of good things but a singles wrestler he is not. With his being way overweight he has to work 30- to 40-seconds spots then rest quite a while before repeating the cycle. El Brazo and el Brazo de Oro drafted Ringo Mendoza for their semifinal team to face rudos Fabuloso Blondy (who I guess still has not jumped to AAA), Ponzona, and la Bestia Salvaje (good to see him back).

2) Desde la Arena Coliseo en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: This was supposed to be the EMLL's biggest show of the day, and they had a spectacular international tecnico trio on top. Nagoya, Aichi, Japan's Yoshihiro Asai, Calgary, Alberta, Canada's Chris Jericho, and Atlanta, Georgia, USA's Hector Guerrero Yanez teamed up as Ultimo Dragon, Corazon de Leon, and Lasser Tron respectively to face the all-Mexico rudo squadron of Negro Casas (Jose Casas Ruiz), Sangre CHicana (Andres Richardson Reyna), and Masakre (Radames Aristoteles Cocco Flores). The semifinal pitted Triton, Ciclón Ramirez, and Cachorro Mendoza against Titan, el Gran Markus junior, and el Hijo del Gladiador. Panico, el Tornado Negro I, and el Archangel de la Muerte (boy is Panico out of place on that team) wrestled in the *tercera* as the rudo trio against tecnicos Aguila Solitaria, Aguila India, and Gran Apache I. I don't yet have the listing of the two undercard matches but if Gran Apache I is working third, there must have been real rookies [and lots of them] in the first two matches.

3) En la Arena Lopez Mateos desde Tlalnepantla, Mexico: Today begins an ambitious undertaking similar to the New Japan "Young Lions" Tournament that just took place. "*La Copa Novel 1993*" begins here today, which is a *parejas* (four-man tag-team) tournament to be held at various sites throughout the country, tournament style, and all involving only rookies or at least youngsters. 12 parejas teams were invited from small arenas representing Zacatecas, Tula, Toluca, Tlalnepantla, Tampico, Netzahualcoyotl, Naucalpan, Ecatepec, Aguascalientes, Cuernavaca, Acapulco, and one other city not listed.

4) En Ensenada, Baja California Norte: I have just the main event: UWA World Heavyweight Champion Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense (Ian Hodgkinson) and Gary Chin Lee (aka Gary "Crusher" Keys in the USA) against CMLL World Heavyweight Champion The Black Magic (Norman Smiley) and The Samoan Cannibal (James Aiono, so that's where he has been) as Vampiro continues to work the "boonies."

Wednesday, May 5th, 1993:

1) En la Arena Naucalpan desde Naucalpan, Mexico: Today is a national holiday (you know, "*El Cinco De Mayo*"), and a super card is planned by ex-EMLL booker Marco Antonio Moreno Madrid, still the booker here. The main event has Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense defending his UWA World Heavyweight Championship versus the challenge of 10-time-ex-champion Canek. My money is on Canek in this one. And did the recently ousted EMLL booker (Moreno) stretch his muscles to get this match or what?

Sunday, May 9th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Naucalpan en Naucalpan, Mexico: This arena will crown its own middleweight champion in a tournament that begins today. Sixteen wrestlers will be invited. The eight rudos have already been named: Karneo, Cerebro, Cerebelo, Golpeador, Guerrero de la Noche, Macho II, Khadaffi, and London Boy. The seven tecnicos listed so far (one will be added) are Pantera II, Kundra, Sanson, Takeda, Brazo de Platino, Brazo de Bronce, and Olimpus.

News

No new news this week. Sorry.

Television

This week's television was taped Friday, April 16th, 1993, at "la Arena Mexico" in Mexico City, Distrito Federal, Mexico, and aired in Mexico and on satellite at 6:00 am to 8:00 am PST on Sunday, April 18th, 1993. Thanks to Augie Loya, Roy Lucier, and Mister Incognito for their combined reports on this card.

1. Inicial: El Mestizo and El Reyes Veloz I versus El Pegaso and El Ultimatum: this match did not air.
2. Segunda: CMLL World Pequeños Estrellas Champion Saigoncito Dragon {El Ultimo Dragoncito} and ex-champion Orito defeated El Felinito and El Ultratumbita two falls to one. **** was the consensus grade here.
3. Tercera: Gedo (aka "Bulldog Punish K. T." in Japan), El Tornado Negro I, and captain El Supremo II defeated Triton, La Aguila Solitaria, and captain El Pantera II (aka America) two falls to one. El Pantera II did a Lyger-style dive onto all the other five wrestlers in the highlight of the match. So Tornado Negro wins for the third straight time in which he has appeared on EMLL television. *** 1/2 was the consensus.
4. Semifinal: Javier "El Monarca" Cruz, Jose "El Negro" Casas, and captain el Felino (aka "Babe Casas") versus Oro, Corazon De Leon (aka Chris Jericho), and captain Ciclon Ramirez. Ramirez did the dive through the ropes, hit Felino, but Felino caught him and suplexed him into the third row, causing Felino himself did a 360 over the first row into the first three rows. Leon pinned Casas with the moonsault press in fall one; Felino made Ramirez submit to the scorpion death lock in fall two; Ramirez pinned Felino with the power bomb/jackknife combination. This was said to have been a spectacular match and Jericho again continues to impress. *** 1/2 was the consensus.
5. Estellar: Non-Title: CMLL World Trios Champions Los Tres Brazos (El Brazo De Oro, El Brazo, and El Brazo De Plata) versus Los Tres Cowboys (El Texano, El Dandy, and Silver King). This would have been off of television anyway, since Texano and Silver King are UWA (read: Imevision) wrestlers. How long before el Dandy turns on Silver King?

One last note; considering that the AAA packed Plaza Mexico, this arena was surprisingly full. Now, the day of the taping (4/20) and the next day (5/1) were national holidays, so that might have helped. Also, the arena seats 5,100, and in a metropolitan area of 20,000,000 to 27,000,000, with a good card and with weekly television, getting 5,100 (less than 1 in 4000) to come should be *de riguer*. Also, don't laugh at those grades. This was called by every correspondent who saw it easily the best EMLL TV show of 1993 and maybe the best since last July.

PREDESA

Results

Wednesday, April 28th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena San Juan Pantitlan en Pantitlan, Mexico: I am glad to be able to share another PREDESA result with everyone here today! This quasi-promotion re-opened this arena, which had been closed for eighteen months, with this card. The main event was a real doozy, as los Cavernicolas (Popitekus, Troglodita, and Cro Magnon) defeated Los Hermanos De Los Brazos (el Brazo de Platino, el Brazo de Bronce, and Super Brazo) in three falls. The finish saw el Brazo de Platino stretchered after suffering a broken right ankle while attempting a dive (this is either legit or to "explain his absence" while he works in Japan until May 9th). M. S. 1 and el Satanico won via disqualification over Juan "el Huracan" Sevilla and el Texano when Texano fouled Satanico in fall three. This was Sevilla's first match since no-showing his losing his hair back in March at la Arena Coliseo. Texano replaced the no-showing el Dandy, who was ripped a new asshole for no-showing by Ovaciones writer Silvia Ramirez. Veteran rudo el Lobo Rubio (father of Shu, el Guerrero) re-surfaced in the segunda. He teamed with los Dinamicos I and II only to lose in three falls (via DQ again) to el Pegaso, Mando Amezcua junior, and el Halcon Dorado. Opening the show, la Sombra de Plata and el Elegante Blanco actually scored an in-ring victory over el Delito and el Loco Valentino, two falls to one.

UWA

Results

Friday, April 16th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Netzahualcovotl en Netzahualcovotl, Mexico: So far I have just the SEMIFINAL result here, and it was a stipulation match: El Mohicano I (who's actually a pretty decent veteran) defeated Razama (a 20-year-old *novato*) in *una encuentro de caballera contra caballera*. I have no details (sorry), just the result.

Friday, April 16th, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Netzahualcovotl en Netzahualcovotl, Mexico: So far I have just the main event here also, but it too was a biggie: El Celestial (Alvaro Menendez, ex-Blackman) defeated Pimpinela Escarlata (Florencio Diaz Bollanos) for the second time in less than thirty days to retain his UWA World Lightweight Championship. I have no details here either, just the result.

Sunday, April 25th, 1993:

1) Desde la Plaza de Toros "el Toreo de Cuatro Caminos" en Naucalpan, Mexico: More Villanos against Dos Caras today on top. This was a knock down drag out war but all done with "traditional" wrestling holds; no foreign objects or chairs, etc. Los Villanos IV and V teamed with the returning el Torre Infernal (ex-The Rochester Roadblock) to defeat Dos Caras, Silver King, and el Texano in three falls. Los Cowboys went for big *planchas*, but were caught by the Villanos, power-slammed, and pinned in the third fall to decide this match and set up next week's TWO feuds the Villanos would have. The Killer managed to pin Super Astro in fall three of the semifinal, leading himself, Crash The Terminator, and Doctor Wagner junior over Super Astro, The King, and a third wrestler whom *Ovaciones* head writer Silvia Ramirez called "*otro luchador sin importancia*." Who was it? I don't know yet for sure, but the man SCHEDULED to have been in that slot in the match was *nada menos que* Enrique Vera senior. Wonder what Vera did to upset Ms. Ramirez? UWA World Trios Champions Los Nuevos Misioneros De La Muerte (El Signo, Miguel "El Negro" Navarro, and The Black Power II) won the *tercera* (non-title) by defeating el Villano I, el Engendro, and Shu, el Guerrero in an all-rudo bout. Los Misioneros, who are heavily cheered in these rudo versus rudo battles, won via triple simultaneous sunset flips in the third all. Sagrado, Celestial, and Coloso defeated Scorpio senior, Karloff Lagarde junior, and Rene Guajardo junior in three falls in the *segunda*. Scorpio fouled Celestial in round three to cause his team the loss. A draw took place in the *inicial*: Casandro, Pimpinela Escarlata, and Rey Richard drew with Rocky Santana and los Dragones CHinos I and II when, in fall three, CHino I and Richard went over the circular railing surrounding the ring. This has for many years been considered "out-of-bounds" and has many times resulted in double disqualification draws, and that is what happened today.

Sunday, May 2nd, 1993:

1) Desde la Plaza de Toros "el Toreo de Cuatro Caminos" en Naucalpan, Mexico: Tonight, Pierroth junior and The Doctor Wagner junior re-kindled their feud which has so far gone all Wagner's way. Wagner and The Killer (managed by Andy "el Metiche" Barrow) will take on Pierroth junior - returning from an elbow treatment for which he was treated in Houston, Texas - and his partner Atlantis. To my surprise, however, at the end of the match, the two teams had gone to a draw, and it was ATLANTIS who was challenging Wagner for a match for Wagner to a match for Wagner's CMLL World Light-Heavyweight Championship. The finish saw Wagner pinned by Atlantis while Killer was being pinned by Pierroth. Why that makes it a draw I don't know but it did. The semifinal was another draw, and even more of a screw-job in *una revancha en superlibre* (revenge bout); los Villanos IV and V drew with Dos Caras and Enrique Vera senior when Villano IV fouled Caras at the same time Vera was fouling Villano V. Despite the heat and setups these matches got, these guys never learn, do they?. Signo, Negro Navarro, and Black Power II easily won a non-title *tercera* against Sagrado, Celestial, and Nuevo Audaz. Rene Guajardo junior and Karloff Lagarde junior team up in the *segunda* with el Villano I, who is MUCH older than Lagarde and Guajardo put together (46 versus 35). Actually, this was a legendary team as all their fathers had formed a famous trio 20 years earlier. This trio managed to defeated young tecnicos Rocky Santana, Aero Flash, and el Gran Apache I. Opening the show are raw youngsters (well, 5 out of 6 are): London Boy and Bad Boy (along with veteran Rey Richard) against The Black Birds 1 and 2 and their partner el Oriental. The latter trio won, two falls to one, when Oriental pinned Richard clean in the middle of the ring.

Cards

Thursday, April 29th, 1993:

1) Desde la Pista Arena Revolucion en la Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal: Not a bad show tonight for the UWA's traditional Thursday night venture into la Pista. The main event had los Villanos IV (Tomas Diaz "Mendoza" and V (not sure of his first name but the youngest son of Rey Mendoza, whose real name is Jorge Diaz) teaming on the rudo side with el Torre Infernal (Joseph Franklin D'AcQuisto) against super tecnicos el Texano (Juan Conrado Aguilar Jauregi), Silver King (Cesar Cuahtehmoc Gonzalez Rivera), and Dos Caras (Jose Rodriguez). The Villanos are feuding with Dos Caras and this should continue things along that way. A nice "small" tecnico team in the semifinal has el Gran Hamada and Super Astro pitted against Doctor Wagner junior and el Villano I. Los Nuevos Rebeldes (Rene Guajardo junior and Karloff Lagarde junior) wrestled against The King and el Coloso in the card's second match. The opener saw los Dragones CHinos I and II tackle el Turako and el Principe Maya (Canek's younger brother).

Sunday, May 2nd, 1993:

1) Desde la Arena Netzahualcovotl en Netzahualcovotl, Mexico: Mostly youngsters here tonight. The main event has Dragones CHinos I and II teaming with Vagabundo against Mohicanos I and II and Turako. Vagabundo is the real veteran here, just having completed his 25th year in the ring. I got to see a Mohicanos versus CHinos match from January in Japan and it was not so bad as I expected, though the Mohicanos had to do all the carrying (I mean to say, the Mohicanos are actually pretty good). Impala, Stelaris, and Soberbano face Sevillano, Angel Star, and Gran Petroneo in the semifinal. There were two undercard matches, though I was not given what they were.

Sunday, May 9th, 1993:

1) Desde la Plaza de Toros "el Toleo de Cuatro Caminos" en Naucalpan, Mexico: As set up by last week's main event, tonight's headliner has The Doctor Wagner junior making the first defense of the CMLL World Light-Heavyweight Championship that he won from Pierroth junior back on April 2nd, 1993. Wagner defends versus Atlantis (hardly a light-heavyweight). The semifinal pits los Villanos IV and V and their partner el Torre Infernal versus Dos Caras, Enrique Vera senior, and Haraoki "el Gran" Hamada. That legendary juniors trio (Villano I, Rene Guajardo junior, and Karloff Lagarde junior) take on The Killer (managed as usual by Andy Barrow), el Scorpio senior, and el Rudo in the *tercera*. EMLL *luchadoras* Lady Apache and Zuleyma face la Practicante and Maria del Angel in the *segunda*. And, to open the show, The Blue King and Rocky Santana face el Prince Maya and Rey Richard.

News

Goliath el Gigante returns soon (after his May tour for W*ING).

Television

No report this week. To the best of my knowledge, the television show did not even have a time slot to air this week. They have been bumped around and outright canceled a lot because of World Cup Soccer. This qualifying round ends next Sunday (5/9) and the weekend after that the UWA may return to TV more often.

MEDIA

* *Ovaciones*: They featured Dos Caras in its Thursday (4/29) picture index and had features of EMLL veteran Kahos I and EMLL rookie el Astro Rey junior rather than much news. The paper had one tiny paragraph about the AAA show and of course the paper ran the full page ad. Inexplicably, on the day of the big AAA show, los Hermanos de los Brazos were the picture index honorees, as the AAA card got VERY little play in either Thursday or Friday's papers. All papers did not publish Saturday (5/1) since it was a "Labor Day"-type holiday).

* *Titanes del Ring* (4/9/93, ano 1, numero 49): Lots more results this week, whoo boy! They also profiled Los CHacales Del Ring, Los Mosqueteros Del Diablo, El Tigre Hispano, Raffles {Manos De Seda}, El Cadaver De Ultratumba, El CHamaco Maravilla, El Perrito Aguayo (the resemblance is close but not that case), King Lee, Sato, Vampiro Casanova, and El Magno. They had three posters (the main one being of El Gran Hamada), the usual ads, the usual *cartometro*, and the index; the only other item all week was a news article saying how Masakre had risen to the front office public relations job he now holds.

* Custodia (5/11/93, Ano 4, Numero 191): Very little this week. They had a picture of The Blue Demon junior and an article introducing Jack "Snake" Roberts (*sic*) as a possible foe for Konnan el Barbaro.

* La Prensa: They featured the advertisement for Triple Mania in its "State of Mexico" news section in Thursday's (4/29) paper. Since the show sold out on Tuesday, the AAA managed to pull its ads from Friday's papers; in turn, the papers had a brief bit about the Plaza Mexico card in the sports section, covering it no more the paper covered the EMLL Arena Mexico card.

* Weekly Gong and Weekly Pro Wrestling: No Mexico news this week in this Japanese magazine either. Neither Japanese magazine publishes next week.

* Super Luchas (4/22/93, ano 3, numero 111): Mostly features this week; very little results. Here were the wrestlers profiled: el Hijo del Santo, el Angel Azteca and el Angelito Azteca, Jerry Estrada and Jerrito Estrada, el Dandy, Ivanhoe, las Caras Ocultas (Mil Mascaras, Dos Caras, and Tinieblas senior), el Villano III, Ciclon Ramirez, and Reyna Gallegos. There were features on WrestleMania IX, TripleMania I, Doctor Alfonso Morales Vilella's column, the editor's column, Tony's cartoons, a Super Luchas *cartometro*, a centerfold poster of la Mascara Sagrada, a historical retrospective of a match in which el Santo defeated Alfonso Dantes in a match for some sort of middleweight title, a letters column, a crossword (honoring Heavy Metal, must be why the crossword has so many more lines this week), more cartoons, two news columns, the *Espaldas Planas* major news column, a coupon for a calendar of AAA posters they are giving away, and the *cartelera*.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Japan

In All Japan, UWA World Parejas Champions The Can-Am Express (Danny Kroffatt and Doug Furnas) wrapped up their latest tour of Japan by defeating Richard Slinger and Davey-Boy Smith in 15:38 when Kroffatt pinned Slinger with the tigerdriver; that was from a match held April 21st in Yokohama. Kroffatt and Furnas finished 10th and 11th, respectively, in the Champion's Carnival singles tournament, with Kroffatt ranking higher because he defeated Furnas. On May 21st in Saporro, Kroffatt will get a title match for the AJPW World Junior Heavyweight Championship against champion Masanobu Fuchi.

In FMW, BatRanger (Yukihide Ueno, doing a half Lyger/half lucha libre style) has gotten over great guns. On the latest FMW tour, he opened the tour by pinning Eiji Ezaki at The Kohrakuen Hall in Tohkyoh on April 22nd in 6:45 with the german suplex hold. The next night, in Isesaki, BatRanger pinned Koji Nakagawa in 9:22 with the FrankenBatRanger.

Michinoku Pro (North Eastern) announced a June tour, back in North Eastern Japan. Here are the dates:

- * 06/11: Sannohe
- * 06/12: Nanbu
- * 06/13: Kamaishi
- * 06/15: Maruko
- * 06/16: Johbohi
- * 06/17: Namioka
- * 06/18: Kurikoma
- * 06/19: Kitakami
- * 06/20: Misawa
- * 06/22: Obanzawa
- * 06/23: Hiraizumi
- * 06/24: Kuzumaki
- * 06/25: Juhmonji
- * 06/26: Kakunodate
- * 06/27: Senmaya

Here are the first few results from their opening tour, an April/May series spanning 15 cards. Note, the foreigners invited were Kendo (on his 18th tour of Japan), El Scorpio junior (5), El Espanto IV (1), El Espanto V (1), and Xochitl Hamada (?, maybe 3?).

1st card of tour) Monday, April 19th, 1993, before a sellout crowd of 710 fans at Takaiwa, Iwate, Japan:

1. El Leopardo Negro made Akihito Yonezawa submit to the double-leg boston-crab submission hold in 8:01.
2. Kendo pinned Shiryuh in 7:42 (not sure how).
3. Non-title: Xochitl Hamada pinned KAORU (Kaoru Maeda) in 6:47 with the german suplex hold.
4. Taka Michinoku challenge series (#1 of 7): El Super Delfin pinned Taka Michinoku in 8:22 with The Delfin Clutch.
5. SATO pinned El Scorpio junior in 3:56 (not sure how).
6. UWA and UWF Intercontinental Tag-Team Championships: Champions The Great Sasuke and Haroaki "El Gran" Hamada defeated challengers Los Espantos IV and V in 12:43 when Sasuke pinned Espanto IV with the moonsault attack (la quebrada).

2) Tuesday, April 20th, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 350 fans at Esashi, Iwate, Japan:

1. Akihito Yonezawa d. Yoshiko Kimura, 6:57, submission, double leg boston crab submission hold
2. Shiryuh d. Akihito Yonezawa (yes, working twice straight), 7:48 (not sure how)
3. Non-title: Xochitl Hamada p. KAORU, 6:26, fisherman's suplex hold
4. Scorpio junior p. Leopardo Negro, 11:52, power bomb
5. Taka Michinoku challenge series (#2 of 7): Sasuke d. Michinoku, 11:10, submission, double leg boston crab submission hold
6. Hamada/SATO/Kendo d. Espanto IV/Espanto V/Delfin, 14:26, Hamada p. Espanto IV, una huracarrana

3) Wednesday, April 21st, 1993, before a sellout crowd of 880 fans at Sanriku, Iwate, Japan:

1. Shiryuh p. Kimura, 15:11, diving body press
2. Non-title: Hamada p. KAORU, 8:00, power bomb
3. SATO p. Negro, 7:53 (not sure how)
4. Taka Michinoku challenge series (#3 of 7): Espanto IV d. Michinoku, 8:09, submission, side arm breaker submission hold
5. Sasuke p. Espanto V, 13:44, una quebrada
6. Hamada/Kendo d. Scorpio/Delfin, 10:12, rudos DQed when heel referee Wally Yamaguchi came in and entered the ring to aid them

4) Thursday, April 22nd, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 185 fans at Daitoh, Iwate, Japan:

1. Yonezawa p. Negro, 11:33, DDT
2. Kendo p. Shiryuh, 9:34, not sure how
3. Non-title: Hamada p. KAORU, 7:48, power bomb
4. Taka Michinoku challenge series (#4 of 7): Espanto V p. Michinoku, 13:27, jackknife
5. Sasuke/SATO/Hamada d. Espanto IV/Scorpio junior/Delfin, 14:52, Sasuke p. Espanto IV, una quebrada

5) Friday, April 23rd, 1993, before a NON-sellout crowd of 500 fans at Sanriku, Iwate, Japan:

1. Shiryuh p. Kimura, 10:58, frankensteiner
2. Kendo p. Negro, 6:20, not sure how
3. Non-title: Hamada p. KAORU, 8:12, missile kick
4. Taka Michinoku challenge series (#5 of 7): Scorpio junior p. Michinoku, 7:58, power bomb
5. Sasuke/SATO/Hamada d. Espanto IV/Espanto V/Delfin, 11:43, Sasuke p. Espanto IV, german suplex hold

Now on to Michinoku's sister promotion, The Universal Pro-Wrestling Company, Limited:

1) 4/29/93 and 5/7 will have two KAORU versus Xochitl Hamada title matches. 4/29 has Maeda defending her JCTV TV title, and 5/7 has Hamada defending her CMLL World Heavyweight Championship.

2) Speaking of 5/7, here are the four scheduled main matches:

- * Atsushi Onita, Rocky Santana, and Kendo versus el Scorpio junior, el Espanto IV, and el Espanto V.
- * UWA World Welterweight Championship: Champion el Celestial versus challenger el Super Delfin.
- * CMLL World Women's Heavyweight Championship: Champion Xochitl Hamada versus Challenger KAORU (Maeda).
- * The Great Sasuke and SATO versus Robin Hood and el Brazo de Platino.

3) This promotion announced its June tour, to be called "Super Estrella '93: Welcome To Brazos' Island" a la Welcome To Gilligan's Island. The foreigners invited are el Brazo de Oro, el Brazo, el Brazo de Plata, el Villano IV, el Villano V, Kendo, Javier "el Gusano" Llanes, Dos Caras, Xochitl Hamada, Lady Apache, and la Diabolica {del Caribe}. The dates and cities are:

- * 06/02, Takaishi, Ohsaka, Japan, at the Ohsaka Suburban Sports Center
- * 06/03, Inuyama, Aichi, Japan
- * 06/04: Tohkyoh, Tohkyoh, Japan, at The Kohrakuen Hall
- * 06/05: Kimitsu, Chiba, Japan
- * 06/07: Tohkyoh, Tohkyoh, Japan, at The Kohrakuen Hall
- * 06/08: Ami, Miyato, Japan

4) In fact, they already have announced the main matches on their June 2nd card. The main event has el Super Delfin defending his Universal Super Welterweight Championship against challenger The Great Sasuke. Los Tres Brazos work an all tecnico semifinal against Kendo, Haroaki "el Gran" Hamada, and Javier "el Gusano" Llanes. Los Villanos IV and V work third from the top against SATO and Dos Caras.

The WAR promotion announced their May cards this past week. Of interest to lucha libre fans are these match-ups:

1) 5/20:

- * Kengo Kimura versus Masao Orihara (Koga in EMLL)
- * El Samurai versus Saigon Dragon, el Ultimo Dragon

2) 5/21:

- * Kengo Kimura versus Masao Orihara
- * El Samurai and Hiroshi Hase versus Masao Orihara and versus Saigon Dragon, el Ultimo Dragon

3) 5/22:

- * The Super Strong Machine and Masao Orihara versus Masashi "Seiji" Aoyagi and Akitoshi Saitoh

4) 5/24:

- * UWA World Middleweight Championship: Saigon Dragon, el Ultimo Dragon (Yoshihiro Asai) versus el Samurai (Osamu Matsuda).

Finally we get to totally disgusting W*ING promotion. Here is the big news item this week for that league. The tour after the May one will be to crown a W*ING World Heavyweight Champion. Here are the participants invited so far:

- * Mister Pogo
- * Mitsuhiro Matsunaga
- * Yukihiro Kanemura
- * Leather Face
- * Crash The Terminator
- * Bash The Terminator
- * Kevin Sullivan
- * Killer Kyle
- * Eddie Gilbert
- * Miguelito Perez junior
- * The Iceman (Ricky Santana)
- * Relampago (from Puerto Rico)
- * Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense
- * They intend to add one more Mexican and two more Americans.

California

Results

Here's the main event mixed (as in man/woman mixed) match, Super Boy and Apocalipsis (that's how it was spelled in La Opinion) drew Flash and Lady Victoria; I have no other details other than Super Boy worked hard but Apocalipsis was real bad. In the semifinal, El Nino Asesino, Al Murrieta, and Doctor Muerte defeated Tlaloc, Gitano, and el Tornado Negro II in three falls. The only other match of which I know was the *tercera*; there, Scare Face and Indio Ramos defeated Mister Avrno II and Vandal Drummond. The highlight was that Vandal escorted el Nino Asesino (who worked the *segunda*) to the candy store to buy candy that Nino could throw to the kids. On the way back, they conversed about Vandal's school, Nino's work, and both men's religion. It was a beautiful night. I give the walk *** 1/2.

Next comes results from Pomona of April 24th; yes it's back to the Boys and Girls Club of Pomona. El Trio Maligno (Crazy Boy, Marco Polo, and Principe Hindu) won the main event in three falls over Mercurio, Piloto Suicida, and Jalisco I. Crazy Boy made Mercurio submit in fall three with *una estaca india* (indian death lock); Principe Hindu pinned Jalisco I; and Piloto Suicida was counted out as he was hiding his face after being unmasked by Marco Polo. Los rudos took the semifinal, too, with Super Boy and Doctor Muerte defeating Capitan Oro (brother of Super Boy) and Halcon Blanco. El Indio (with the aid of Al Murrieta) defeated Cosmos (and his partner Rayo de Plata) as Indio and Cosmos set up a hair match for this week; rudo Indio cheated to gain the third fall victory over Cosmos and Cosmos asked for revenge. Rudo "Scare Face" (it's supposed to be "Scar Face" *a la* Capone but *La Opinion* lucha libre reporter/photographer Jose Luis Velazquez insists on reporting it as "Scare Face" which is to me a cooler name anyway) defeated the tiny Angel Star in three falls in the *segunda*. The opener was the only match won by a tecnico all night, and it was actually won by a tecnica: Lady Victoria defeated Apocalipsis in three falls.

Finally, The All Nations Center drew about 130 out of 450 (they need a new booker). In the opener, Vandal Drummond and G. Q. Gregory defeated el Fisico Nuclear and The Golden Boy in two straight falls when Golden Boy turned heel on Nuclear, who was saved by el Aguila Azteca. Happy 32nd birthday to el Fisico Nuclear (April 30th). Vitalic and el Apache defeated Mythor and el Hechicero Negro primero; with another turn. Rudo Hechicero turned on rudo Mythor, so Mythor turned tecnico. Vitalic looked real good and it was given ** 3/4. In the semifinal, El Nino Asesino and Lady Apocalipsis defeated Gitano and Lady Victoria in three falls. *, all for the men. In the main event, Triton, el Capitan Oro, and el Piloto Nuclear defeated Cesar Sando junior, Super Boy, and Lover Boy (filling in for the no-showing Crazy Boy, who I'm sad to see go) two falls to one. ****.

Cards

As mentioned directly above, we have a main event *caballera contra caballera* for the May Day card in Pomona, with el Indio (seconded by Gory CHavez) taking on fellow *Jalisciense* Cosmos (seconded by el Halcon Blanco). The semifinal pits rudos Marco Polo, Crazy Boy, and Principe Hindu (*el trio de los ahijados de Lucifer*) versus Triton, Jalisco I, and Capitan Oro. Also, Doctor Muerte and Al Murrieta will tackle Tlaloc and el Gran Coloseo, who is called the Heavyweight Champion of America courtesy of the United Wrestling Federation. Two more matches will be held and, as per usual, the referees will be los dos Garcias, "Platanito" and "Caballito."

A new plaza for lucha libre in Southern California opened on Sunday, May 2nd, 1993. It is "la Arena Puebla," and is located at 1007 East 61st Street in South Central Los Angeles (yes, THAT South Central Los Angeles). Promoted by "Mister Banana" Sergio Garcia, many of the same familiar "All Nations" names are booked here as well. For example, in the main event, Piloto Suicida, Mercurio, and Capitan Oro faced Super Boy, Lover Boy (the promoter's/booker's brother), and Cesar Sando junior. Remington returned in the semifinal, teaming with Al Murrieta and Gory CHavez against Flash, Cosmos, and Halcon Blanco. More reappearances in the *tercera* with Black Spider back; he teamed up with el Tornado Negro II against Dinamic junior and el Gitano. The *segunda* had The Ponky Boy II and el Guerrero del Universo taking on el Palomino Ramirez and el Pequeno Halcon. Opening the arena was Angel Star and la Aguila Azteca versus el Rey Cobra and The Ponky Boy I.

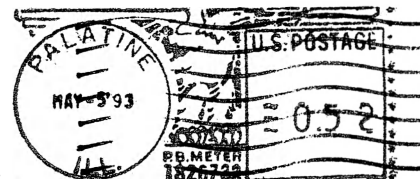
MINI-BIOGRAPHY: LIZMARK

Of the six luchadores booked in the three AAA main events, this week, I have done mini-biographies on five. This week it is number six: Lizmark (senior), *el Genio Azul*. Not too much is known about the early days of Lizmark. Traditionally he is said to have been born in 1950 although 1949 may actually be correct. It IS true that he was born, raised, and still lives in the Pacific Ocean port of Acapulco, Guerrero. He trained in bodybuilding until he came to the attention of Braulio Mendoza, who trained Lizmark as a wrestler in Mendoza's Mexico City gymnasium. Lizmark debuted in 1973, I believe, and rose right to the top as part of the new wave of flyers. He was as revolutionary a flyer in his day as a Yoshihiro Asai was in the 1980's or an Oro or a Rey Misterio junior has been in the 1990's. At the time, Lizmark became known for having the first -- and the best -- "missile kick" (drop kick from off of the top rope) in the business. Lizmark rose to the top VERY quickly; in 1976, less than three years after his debut, he defeated Americo Rocca (who now wrestles as Ponzona) for the Mexican National Welterweight Championship; the very title Heavy Metal just won from el Rey Misterio junior. In June of 1980, Lizmark defeated el Supremo I (the same one who just lost his mask a few months back) to win the NWA World Welterweight Championship. Soon, Lizmark moved up in weight class, and repeated his double title success., In February 1982, Lizmark defeated el Satanico to win the Mexican National Middleweight Championship (the one The Blue Panther holds today). Then, in June 1983, he defeated the same Satanico to win the NWA World Middleweight Championship. At that time, Lizmark and el Santo became the only two men to have worn the NWA and National belts at both the welterweight and middleweight levels. El Dandy has since

joined them and so far as I know they are today still the only three. Soon enough, Lizmark moved up in weight class again, becoming a light heavyweight. This time, he switched things around. He defeated Cien Caras in March 1988 to win the NWA World Light Heavyweight Championship, a title he would lose, regain, lose, regain, and lose from el Satanico thereafter. At that time, Lizmark's win of all three Mexican NWA belts at the three weight levels joined him with Salvador "Gori" Guerrero as the only wrestler ever to do that; they are still the only two. And, Lizmark capped it all off by taking the Mexican National Light Heavyweight championship in his native Acapulco last September 18th, 1992, defeating Universo Dos Mil with the old missile kick and a power bomb in a great match to become the only man to have held the very six titles that Lizmark has held. El Santo held 5 of 6 (never won NWA World Light Heavyweight) and Gori Guerrero held 5 of 6 (never won NWA World Welterweight) but Lizmark held all six. Still, with all this, Lizmark counts as one of his top thrills wrestling with his son; el Hijo de Lizmark debuted July 1st, 1991 (at age 18 3/4), and shows all the athletic promise of his father, but already Hijo weighs more than his father ever did. Lizmark senior remains amazingly durable, flexible, athletic, and generally in shape of all his contemporaries. Just 3-4 years younger than Perro Aguayo, they look 15 years apart in their moves in the ring. Lizmark is still having the great athletic matches like he had April 30th, 1993, against la Parca. Last but not least, what more needs to be said about Lizmark but that he remains the favorite all-time wrestler of now-93-year-old Dona Virginia "Vicky" Aguilera, the world's most famous *lucha libre* fan.

Note: Thanks to everyone who helped contribute to this issue -- I literally couldn't have done it without you. Next issue, issue 61, will be mailed as scheduled on 5/12. The one after that will be mailed 5/19. THE NEXT ONE (what would normally be mailed 5/26) I am taking a week off for work-related reasons (will be mostly out of town). The week after (mailed 6/2) will be a regular issue and continue as normal

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